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A. Elections and appointments[1]

58/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 16 September 2003, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-eighth session consisting of the following Member States: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, CAPE VERDE, CHINA, COSTA RICA, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, NEW ZEALAND, RUSSIAN FEDERATION and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

58/402. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 6 October 2003, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[2] extended the term of office of Mr. Ruud LUBBERS as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of two years beginning on 1 January 2004.

58/403. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 23 October 2003, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ALGERIA, BENIN, BRAZIL, the PHILIPPINES and ROMANIA as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BULGARIA, CAMEROON, GUINEA, MEXICO and the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: ALGERIA,** ANGOLA,* BENIN,** BRAZIL,** CHILE,* CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY,* PAKISTAN,* PHILIPPINES,** ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SPAIN,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

58/404. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 59th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2003, the General Assembly, pursuant to its decision 43/406 of 24 October 1988, elected the BAHAMAS, BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, CAPE VERDE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, GHANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ISRAEL, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, MEXICO, MONACO, MOROCCO, the NETHERLANDS, POLAND, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, SWEDEN, TURKEY, TUVALU, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA as members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the BAHAMAS, BENIN, BRAZIL, BURKINA FASO, COLOMBIA, DENMARK, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, the GAMBIA, INDIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, the MARSHALL ISLANDS, MEXICO, the NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, POLAND, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,

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[1] For the elections of the President, the Chairmen of the Main Committees and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, held in accordance with the provisions of resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, see decisions 57/418, 57/419 and 57/420, respectively.

[2] A/58/396.

SAMOA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SLOVAKIA, SURINAME, THAILAND, TURKEY, UGANDA and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

As a result, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme is composed of the following fifty-eight members: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA,* ARGENTINA,* BAHAMAS,** BANGLADESH,** BELGIUM,* BRAZIL,** BULGARIA,** BURKINA FASO,** CAMEROON,** CANADA,* CAPE VERDE,** CHAD,* CHINA,* COLOMBIA,** CONGO,* COSTA RICA,** CUBA,* CZECH REPUBLIC,* FRANCE,* GERMANY,* GHANA,** GREECE,* HUNGARY,** INDIA,** INDONESIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** ISRAEL,** JAPAN,* KAZAKHSTAN,** KENYA,* KYRGYZSTAN,** MEXICO,** MONACO,** MOROCCO,** MYANMAR,* NAMIBIA,* NETHERLANDS,** NICARAGUA,* NIGERIA,* POLAND,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SAUDI ARABIA,** SENEGAL,** SOMALIA,** SUDAN,* SWEDEN,** SWITZERLAND,* SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,* TURKEY,** TUVALU,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,* URUGUAY,* ZAMBIA* and ZIMBABWE.*

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** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

58/405. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

A

At its 60th plenary meeting, on 11 November 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[3] appointed Mr. Richard Moon as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 11 November 2003 and ending on 31 December 2004, as a result of the resignation of Mr. Nicholas Thorne.

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At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[4] appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004: Mr. Andrzej T. Abraszewski, Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou, Mr. Collen V. Kelapile, Mr. E. Besley Maycock and Mr. Murari Raj Sharma.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),*** Mr. Manlan Narcisse AHOUNOU (*Côte d'Ivoire*),*** Mr. Michiel W.H. CROM (*Netherlands*),* Mr. Homero Luis HERNANDEZ (*Dominican Republic*),** Ms. Nazareth A. INCERA (*Costa Rica*),* Mr. Collen V. KELAPILE (*Botswana*), *** Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),*** Mr. Thomas MAZET (*Germany*),** Ms. Susan M. MCLURG (*United States of America*),** Mr. Richard MOON (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),* Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),* Mr. Murari Raj SHARMA (*Nepal*), *** Ms. SUN Minqin (*China*),* Mr. Juichi TAKAHARA (*Japan*)* and Mr. Mounir ZAHRAN (*Egypt*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

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[3] A/58/561, para. 4.

[4] A/58/561/Add.1, para. 11.

58/406. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 60th plenary meeting, on 11 November 2003, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected TURKEY as a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining term of office of PORTUGAL,[5] beginning on 1 January 2004.

At its 60th and 61st plenary meetings, on 11 November 2003, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ARMENIA, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BELIZE, CANADA, COLOMBIA, INDONESIA, ITALY, MAURITIUS, NAMIBIA, NIGERIA, PANAMA, POLAND, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TUNISIA, the UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ANDORRA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GEORGIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, NEPAL, the NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ARMENIA,*** AUSTRALIA,* AZERBAIJAN,** BANGLADESH,*** BELGIUM,*** BELIZE,*** BENIN,** BHUTAN,* BURUNDI,* CANADA,*** CHILE,* CHINA,* COLOMBIA,*** CONGO,** CUBA,** ECUADOR,** EL SALVADOR,* FINLAND,* FRANCE,** GERMANY,** GHANA,* GREECE,** GUATEMALA,* HUNGARY,* INDIA,* INDONESIA,*** IRELAND,** ITALY,*** JAMAICA,** JAPAN,** KENYA,** LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,* MALAYSIA,** MAURITIUS,*** MOZAMBIQUE,** NAMIBIA,*** NICARAGUA,** NIGERIA,*** PANAMA,*** POLAND,*** QATAR,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SAUDI ARABIA,** SENEGAL,** SWEDEN,* TUNISIA,*** TURKEY,** UKRAINE,* UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,*** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*** and ZIMBABWE.*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

58/407. Election of forty-three members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 17 November 2003, the General Assembly, in accordance with section II, paragraphs 1 to 3, of its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, as amended by paragraph 8 of its resolution 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 and by paragraph 10 (*b*) of its resolution 31/99 of 15 December 1976, elected AUSTRIA, BELARUS, the CZECH REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, INDIA, ITALY, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, MONGOLIA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO, SPAIN, THAILAND, UGANDA, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA as members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term of office beginning on 14 June 2004 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AUSTRIA, BURKINA FASO, COLOMBIA, FIJI, HONDURAS, HUNGARY, INDIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, KENYA, LITHUANIA, PARAGUAY, ROMANIA, SPAIN, the SUDAN, THAILAND, UGANDA, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 (*a*) and (*b*) of its resolution 57/20 of 19 November 2002, elected twenty-four additional members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the purpose of increasing its overall membership from thirty-six to sixty States, namely: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM,

[5] A/58/357.

CHILE, COLOMBIA, CROATIA, FIJI, GABON, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ISRAEL, JORDAN, LEBANON, LITHUANIA, POLAND, QATAR, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SOUTH AFRICA, SRI LANKA, SWITZERLAND, TUNISIA, TURKEY, URUGUAY and ZIMBABWE.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 3 (*b*) and (*c*) of its resolution 57/20 of 19 November 2002, determined by a drawing of lots that ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, CHILE, CROATIA, JORDAN, LITHUANIA, QATAR, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SOUTH AFRICA, SRI LANKA, TUNISIA, TURKEY and URUGUAY would be the thirteen members from among the twenty-four additional members of the Commission to serve a term of office of four years and that the remaining eleven additional members would serve a term of office of six years, beginning on 14 June 2004.

As a result, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law is composed of the following sixty Member States: ALGERIA,** ARGENTINA,* AUSTRALIA,** AUSTRIA,** BELARUS,** BELGIUM,* BENIN,* BRAZIL,* CAMEROON,* CANADA,* CHILE,* CHINA,* COLOMBIA,** CROATIA,* CZECH REPUBLIC,** ECUADOR,** FIJI,** FRANCE,* GABON,** GERMANY,* GUATEMALA,** INDIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** ISRAEL,** ITALY,** JAPAN,* JORDAN,* KENYA,** LEBANON,** LITHUANIA,* MADAGASCAR,** MEXICO,* MONGOLIA,** MOROCCO,* NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,** PARAGUAY,** POLAND,** QATAR,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* RWANDA,* SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO,** SIERRA LEONE,* SINGAPORE,* SOUTH AFRICA,* SPAIN,** SRI LANKA,* SWEDEN,* SWITZERLAND,** THAILAND,** the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA,* TUNISIA,* TURKEY,* UGANDA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** URUGUAY,* VENEZUELA** and ZIMBABWE.**

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* Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the fortieth session of the Commission in 2007.

** Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the forty-second session of the Commission in 2009.

58/408. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 17 November 2003, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[a] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected the BAHAMAS, the COMOROS, FRANCE, MEXICO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ZIMBABWE as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 to fill vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the BAHAMAS, BOTSWANA, FRANCE, MEXICO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-four Member States: ARGENTINA,** ARMENIA,** BAHAMAS,*** BENIN,** BRAZIL,** CANADA,** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,** CHINA,* COMOROS,*** CUBA,** ETHIOPIA,* FRANCE,*** GABON,** GERMANY,** INDIA,** INDONESIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** JAPAN,* MEXICO,*** MONACO,** NICARAGUA,** NIGERIA,* PAKISTAN,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SOUTH AFRICA,** SWITZERLAND,** TUNISIA,* UKRAINE,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,*** URUGUAY* and ZIMBABWE.***

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[a] See Economic and Social Council decision 2003/201 B; see also A/58/552.

58/409. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 3 December 2003, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of ARGENTINA, GERMANY, MEXICO, NIGERIA, ROMANIA, SENEGAL and the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, BENIN, FINLAND, KYRGYZSTAN, LITHUANIA, PERU and SIERRA LEONE.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRIA,* BOLIVIA,** CONGO,** ETHIOPIA,* FRANCE,** GERMANY,*** INDIA,** JAMAICA,* JAPAN,** JORDAN,* MEXICO,*** NEPAL,* NIGERIA,*** ROMANIA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SENEGAL,*** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,*** TUNISIA,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and ZAMBIA.**

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** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

58/410. Appointment of three members of the Committee on Information

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[7] appointed SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SURINAME and SWITZERLAND as members of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following one hundred and two Member States:[8] ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALTA, MEXICO, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SURINAME, SWITZERLAND, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIET NAM, YEMEN and ZIMBABWE.

58/411. Appointment of a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the nomination by its President, after consultations with the regional groups, of Saint Kitts and Nevis

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[7] A/58/475, para. 11.

[8] See also decision 58/525.

as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

As a result, the Special Committee is composed of the following twenty-four Member States: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, CHINA, CONGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, GRENADA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRAQ, MALI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, SIERRA LEONE, YRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and VENEZUELA.

58/412. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004: Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto, Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Mr. Haile Selassie Getachew, Mr. Ihor V. Humenny, Mr. David A. Leis and Mr. Meshal Al-Mansour.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed Mr. David Dutton as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 17 December 2003 and ending on 31 December 2004.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*),*** Mr. Meshal AL-MANSOUR (*Kuwait*),*** Mr. David DUTTON (*Australia*),* Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),*** Mr. Haile Selassie GETACHEW (*Ethiopia*),*** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (*Uruguay*),* Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR NETTO (*Brazil*),** Mr. Hassan Mohammed HASSAN (*Nigeria*),* Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),*** Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),* Mr. Omar KADIRI (*Morocco*),* Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Bernard MEIJERMAN (*Netherlands*),** Mr. Hae-yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),** Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),* Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*)** and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

58/413. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[11] appointed the First President of the Court of Accounts of FRANCE as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2004.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: First President of the Court of Accounts of FRANCE,*** Auditor-General of SOUTH AFRICA* and Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES.**

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* Term of office expires on 30 June 2006.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2008.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2010.

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[9] A/58/562, para. 9.

[10] Ibid, para. 10.

[11] A/58/563, para. 5.

58/414. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[12] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004: Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif, Mr. Fernando G. Chico Pardo and Mr. J. Y. Pillay.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),*** Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),** Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),*** Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),** Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),* Mr. Emmanuel Noi OMABOE (*Ghana*),* Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),*** Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)* and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

58/415. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[13] appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004: Mr. Julio Barboza and Mr. Dayendra Sena Wijewardane.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),*** Mr. Omer Yousif BIREEDO (*Sudan*),* Mr. Spyridon FLOGAITIS (*Greece*),* Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*),** Ms. Jacqueline R. SCOTT (*United States of America*),** Ms. Brigitte STERN (*France*)* and Mr. Dayendra Sena WIJEWARDANE (*Sri Lanka*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

58/416. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the appointment by its President of CANADA, JORDAN, MEXICO, the NIGER and SLOVENIA as members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

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[12] A/58/564, para. 5.

[13] A/58/565, para. 5.

B. Other decisions

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

58/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-eighth session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 16 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[14] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-eighth session.

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 20 October 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[15] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-eighth session.

58/502. Organization of the fifty-eighth session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[16] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-eighth session.

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the fifty-eighth session from 16 December to 22 December 2003.

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to further postpone the date of recess of the fifty-eighth session to 23 December 2003.

58/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[17] adopted the agenda[18] and the allocation of agenda items[19] for the fifty-eighth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[20] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 13 October 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[21] decided to include in the agenda of its fifth-eighth session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[21] decided to include in the agenda of its fifth-eighth session an additional item entitled "Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its second report,[21] decided that agenda item 108, entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice", allocated to the Third Committee, should also be considered directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft United Nations Convention against Corruption.

At its 59th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[22] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

[14] See A/58/356.

[15] See A/58/356/Add.1.

[16] A/58/250, paras. 4–35.

[17] Ibid., paras. 50–60.

[18] A/58/251 and Corr.1.

[19] A/58/252 and Corr.1.

[20] A/58/250, para. 44.

[21] A/58/250/Add.1.

[22] A/58/250/Add.2.

58/504. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 27th plenary meeting, on 9 October 2003, the General Assembly took note of the eighth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[23]

58/505. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 27th plenary meeting, on 9 October 2003, the General Assembly took note of the tenth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[24]

58/506. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 27th plenary meeting, on 9 October 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[25]

58/507. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 13 October 2003, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[26]

58/508. Report of the Security Council

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 17 October 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[27]

58/509. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 27 October 2003, the General Assembly decided to accredit to the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, to be held in New York on 29 and 30 October 2003, and to the hearings of civil society preceding it, the following non-governmental organizations:[28]

African Women's Economic Policy Network (AWEPON)
Association Femmes Soleil d'Haiti (AFASDA)
Association pour le Déploiement Rural, la Protection de l'Environnement et l'Artisanat (DERPREA – Cameroon)
Consejo de Desarrollo Socioeconómica para Sudamérica (CODESESA – Peru)
Institute for Democracy in Southern Africa (IDASA)
Local Association for Cooperation and Social Development (LACSD)
Montreal International Forum (FIM)
Ocaproce Internationale – Organisation Camerounaise de Promotion de la Coopération Economique Internationale
South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)
World Forum of Civil Society Networks (UBUNTU)

58/510. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 31 October 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[29]

58/511. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 5 November 2003, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

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[23] See A/58/140-S/2003/707.

[24] See A/58/297-S/2003/829 and Corr.1.

[25] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/58/1).

[26] A/58/354.

[27] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 2* (A/58/2).

[28] A/58/L.6.

[29] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4* and corrigendum (A/58/4 and Corr.1).

58/512. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 59th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2003, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/513. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 3 December 2003, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/514. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2003, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/523. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2003, the General Assembly, in connection with the consideration of the report of the Sixth Committee,[30] decided that the item entitled "International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings" would be included in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/527. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/528. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

58/529. Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2003, the General Assembly, considering that 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo, decided to devote one day during its fifty-ninth session to the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development.[31]

58/565. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its fifty-eighth session:

Item 3 (*b*):	Report of the Credentials Committee
Item 10:	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
Item 11:	Report of the Security Council
Item 12:	Report of the Economic and Social Council
Item 17:	Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments
Item 18:	Admission of new Members to the United Nations
Item 23 (*a*):	Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal
Item 25:	University for Peace
Item 28:	The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

[30] A/58/520.

[31] A/58/L.29.

Item 37: The situation in the Middle East

Item 38: Question of Palestine

Item 40 (*b*): Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Item 41: Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Item 44: Culture of peace

Item 47: Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

Item 49: Information and communication technologies for development

Item 50: Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Item 55: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 56: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 57: United Nations reform: measures and proposals

Item 58: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Item 59: Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 60: Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Item 83: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Item 85: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Item 94 (*e*): International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Item 117 (*b*): Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Item 117 (*d*): Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 118: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 119: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 120: Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

Item 121: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

Item 122: Programme planning

Item 124: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 125: Pattern of conferences

Item 131: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 132: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 133: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 134: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Item 143: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 160: Global road safety crisis

Item 161: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire

Item 165: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

58/515. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[32] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its

[32] A/58/452, para. 7.

fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification".

58/516. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[33] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

58/517. United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 133 to 6, with 38 abstentions,[34] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[35] recalling its resolution 57/69 of 22 November 2002, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".

58/518. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[35] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia".

58/519. Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[35] recalling its resolutions 51/45 N of 10 December 1996, 52/38 G of 9 December 1997, 53/77 M of 4 December 1998, 54/54 H of 1 December 1999, 55/33 G of 20 November 2000, 56/24 P of 29 November 2001 and 57/81 of 22 November 2002, entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures", taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on small arms, including consideration of the implementation of practical disarmament measures, submitted pursuant to its resolution 57/81,[36] and taking into consideration the work of the Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures in this regard:

(*a*) Decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" until its fifty-ninth session and to consider it biennially in the future;

(*b*) Also decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures".

58/520. Relationship between disarmament and development

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 177 to 1, with

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[33] A/58/456, para. 7.

[34] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: France, Israel, Monaco, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

[35] A/58/462, para. 83.

[36] A/58/207.

2 abstentions,[37] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[35] decided, pursuant to its resolution 57/65 of 22 November 2002, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development".

58/521. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee:[35]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament[38] and of requests made for Member States to continue consultations in this regard;

(*b*) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament".

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

58/524. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[39]

58/525. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[40] decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Information from ninety-nine to one hundred and two.[41]

58/526. Question of Gibraltar

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[42] adopted the following text:

"The General Assembly, recalling its decision 57/526 of 11 December 2002, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[43] stipulates, inter alia, the following:

> 'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',

"takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and the United

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[37] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Israel, Rwanda.

[38] A/57/848.

[39] A/58/474.

[40] A/58/475, para. 11.

[41] See also decision 58/470.

[42] A/58/480, para. 27.

[43] A/39/732, annex.

Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hold annual meetings alternately in each country, the most recent of which were held in Barcelona on 20 November 2001 and in London on 4 February 2002, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations".

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

58/544. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[44]

58/545. Science and technology for development

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:[45]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of new biotechnologies, with particular attention to sustainable development, including food security, health and economic productivity;[46]

(*b*) Requested that the report be circulated at the Global Biotechnology Forum, to be held at Concepción, Chile, from 2 to 5 March 2004;

(*c*) Reiterated the invitation in its resolution 57/237 of 20 December 2002 to the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to include in his report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a section on the outcome of the Global Biotechnology Forum.

58/546. Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the ongoing preparatory process for the World Summit on the Information Society

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[45] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the ongoing preparatory process for the World Summit on the Information Society.[47]

58/547. Report on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[48] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours.[49]

58/548. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[50]

58/549. Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards and challenges and constraints to the achievement of the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the past decade

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[51] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards and challenges and constraints to the achievement of the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the past decade.[52]

58/550. Environment and sustainable development

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[53]

58/551. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second

[44] A/58/481 and Corr.1.

[45] A/58/481/Add.2, para. 15.

[46] A/58/76.

[47] A/58/74-E/2003/58.

[48] A/58/481/Add.3, para. 9.

[49] A/58/209.

[50] A/58/483.

[51] A/58/483/Add.4, para. 4.

[52] A/58/327.

[53] A/58/484.

Committee,[54] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[55]

58/552. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Economic and Social Council;[57]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[58]

58/553. Provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:[56]

(*a*) Approved the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for the fifty-ninth session as set out in the annex to the present decision;

(*b*) Invited the Bureau of the Second Committee to continue its efforts in consultation with Member States with a view to ensuring a more practical and coherent organization of the Committee's work, including the programme of work for future sessions, allowing better focus, visibility and participation, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, and to make suggestions for a decision at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly.

Annex

Provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004[59]

1. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   - (*a*) International trade and development;
   - (*b*) International financial system and development;
   - (*c*) External debt crisis and development;
   - (*d*) Commodities (fifty-ninth session).
2. Implementation of and follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development:
   - (*a*) Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development;
   - (*b*) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (fifty-eighth session).[60]
3. Sustainable development:
   - (*a*) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
   - (*b*) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   - (*c*) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;
   - (*d*) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;
   - (*e*) Sustainable development in mountain regions (fifty-eighth session);
   - (*f*) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 (fifty-eighth session);
   - (*g*) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
   - (*h*) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   - (*i*) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
4. Implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly.
5. Globalization and interdependence:
   - (*a*) Globalization and interdependence;
   - (*b*) Science and technology for development (fifty-eighth session);

[54] A/58/487, para. 14.

[55] A/58/168.

[56] A/58/495 and Corr.1, para. 18.

[57] A/58/3 (Parts I and II) and (Part II)/Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[58] A/58/151.

[59] In accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, the Second Committee will hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[60] Also an item in the plenary.

(*c*) International migration and development (fifty-ninth session);

(*d*) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;

(*e*) Culture and development (fifty-ninth session);

(*f*) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (fifty-ninth session).

6. Groups of countries in special situations:

(*a*) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(*b*) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

7. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(*a*) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006);

(*b*) Women in development;

(*c*) Human resources development (fifty-eighth session);

(*d*) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

(*e*) Industrial development cooperation (fifty-ninth session).

8. Operational activities for development:

(*a*) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(*b*) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (fifty-ninth session);

(*c*) South-South cooperation; economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (fifty-eighth session).

9. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

10. Training and research:

(*a*) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(*b*) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy (fifty-eighth session);

(*c*) United Nations University (fifty-ninth session).

11. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

58/554. Trust Fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] decided that support to participants from developing countries, with priority to the least developed countries, as well as from countries with economies in transition could be provided from the Trust Fund for travel and daily subsistence allowance from funds designated for that purpose.

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

58/530. Report on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[61] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004.[62]

58/531. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[63] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;[64]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;[65]

[61] A/58/497 (Part II), para. 21.

[62] E/CN.5/2003/6; see also A/58/67-E/2003/49.

[63] A/58/499, para. 33.

[64] A/58/87-E/2003/82.

[65] A/58/125.

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto.[66]

58/532. Recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[67] decided to endorse the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as contained in chapter III, section C.4, of its report.[68]

58/533. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the advancement of women

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[67] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;[69]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;[70]

(*c*) Report of the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.[71]

58/534. Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[72] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.[73]

58/535. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the elimination of racism and racial discrimination

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[74] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;[75]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.[76]

58/536. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[77] took note of the documents submitted under the item entitled "Human rights questions".[78]

58/537. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the implementation of human rights instruments

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[79] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Human Rights Committee;[80]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[81]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[82]

[66] A/58/165.

[67] A/58/501, para. 44.

[68] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).

[69] A/58/168.

[70] A/58/417.

[71] A/58/540.

[72] A/58/504, para. 66.

[73] A/58/184; see also A/58/329.

[74] A/58/506, para. 25.

[75] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 18* (A/58/18).

[76] A/58/324.

[77] A/58/508, para. 5.

[78] See decisions 58/537, 58/538, 58/539 and 58/541, by which the General Assembly took note of the documents as submitted under sub-items (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*).

[79] A/58/508/Add.1 and Corr.1, para. 24.

[80] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/58/40).

[81] A/58/306.

[82] A/58/326.

(*d*) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their fifteenth meeting, held at Geneva from 23 to 27 June 2003.[83]

58/538. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with human rights questions, including alternative approaches for the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[84] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants;[85]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants;[86]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;[87]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures;[88]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of his Special Representative on human rights defenders.[89]

58/539. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[90] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General on the human rights situation of the Lebanese detainees in Israel;[91]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the human rights situation in Myanmar;[92]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General regarding the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan;[93]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Iraq;[94]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Sierra Leone;[95]

(*f*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women, its causes and consequences on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan;[96]

(*g*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi.[97]

58/540. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[98]

58/541. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly took note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[99]

58/542. Organization of the work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004–2005

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[100] and pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004–2005, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

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[83] A/58/350.
[84] A/58/508/Add.2, para. 132.
[85] A/58/121.
[86] A/58/275.
[87] A/58/276 and Add.1.
[88] A/58/279.
[89] A/58/380.
[90] A/58/508/Add.3, para. 58.
[91] A/58/218.
[92] A/58/325 and Add.1.
[93] A/58/334.
[94] A/58/338.
[95] A/58/379.
[96] A/58/421.
[97] A/58/448.
[98] A/58/508/Add.4.
[99] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/58/36).
[100] A/58/509, para. 11.

Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, at the beginning of each session the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items of the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed fifteen minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or a sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the respective legislative mandates of those bodies. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. It is recommended that, where possible, draft resolutions on the status of the treaties not be submitted separately but be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. In transmitting proposals to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the work of the Committee, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Item 3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 6. International drug control

Item 7. Advancement of women

Item 8. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Item 9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 10. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 11. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995–2004

Item 12. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:[101]

(*a*) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(*b*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 13. Right of peoples to self-determination[101]

Item 14. Human rights questions:[102, 103]

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

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[101] Items 12 and 13 are to be discussed jointly; delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[102] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) are to be discussed jointly.

[103] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) and two statements under sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(*e*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon by the General Assembly in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of proposals and as set out below:[104]

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

ITEM 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

ITEM 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Biennial

World social situation (odd years) (resolution 56/177, para. 14)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (odd years) (resolution 58/132, para. 15)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

United Nations Literacy Decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

International Year of Volunteers (2005) (resolution 57/106)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2007)

ITEM 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Annual

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

ITEM 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2005)

ITEM 6. *International drug control*

Annual

Action by the United Nations system; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in countering the world drug problem; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem and follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

[104] References to "odd years" and "even years" refer to calendar years.

ITEM 7. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

United Nations Development Fund for Women

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (2004)

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2004)

ITEM 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

ITEM 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (odd years)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (odd years) (resolution 58/154)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2007)

ITEM 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Rights of the child; implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; children in armed conflict; promoting and protecting the rights of children, including children in particularly difficult situations; the girl child

Biennial

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

ITEM 11. *Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995–2004*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Trust Fund in Support of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean

ITEM 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

(a) *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Annual

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex))

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

(b) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

ITEM 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

ITEM 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on their periodic meetings (even years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character

Right to food

Comprehensive and integral international convention on the protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

Biennial

Human rights and cultural diversity (odd years)

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (2004) (resolution 57/227)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (even years)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (resolution 57/213)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2007)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2004–2005

2004

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

ITEM 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 58/130, para. 25)

ITEM 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (resolution 57/166, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (resolution 58/15, para. 12)[105]

ITEM 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (resolution 58/134, para. 19)

ITEM 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (resolution 58/135, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism within the framework of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention (resolution 58/136, para. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (resolution 58/138, paras. 20 and 21)[105]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 58/139, para. 10)

[105] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (resolution 58/140, para. 24)

ITEM 6. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem (resolution 58/141, sect. III, para. 11)

ITEM 7. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trafficking in women and girls (resolution 57/176, paras. 25 and 26)

Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (resolution 57/179, para. 6)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[105]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (resolution 58/144, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 58/244, para. 7)

ITEM 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (resolution 57/181, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (resolution 58/148, para. 28)[105]

ITEM 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order (resolution 57/184, para. 9)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (resolution 58/151, para. 13, and resolution 58/153, para. 10)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (resolution 58/149, para. 37)

ITEM 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25, annex)[105]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict on the situation of children affected by armed conflict (resolution 58/157, para. 50 (*c*))

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive assessment of the United Nations response to the issue of children affected by armed conflict (resolution 58/157, para. 48)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the document entitled "A world fit for children" (resolution 58/157, para. 50 (*a*))

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, containing information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (resolution 58/157, para. 50 (*b*))

ITEM 11. *Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995–2004*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 58/158, para. 10)

ITEM 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

(a) *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex, and resolution 57/194, sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 57/194, sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 57/194, sect. II, para. 5, and sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the study of the issue of political platforms that promote or incite racial discrimination (resolution 58/159, para. 14)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (resolution 58/160, para. 51)

(b) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (resolution 58/160, para. 55)

ITEM 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 58/161, para. 6)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 58/162, para. 17)

ITEM 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Reports of the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on their periodic meetings (resolution 57/202, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken for the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (resolution 57/202, para. 23)

Report of the Committee against Torture (article 24 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 39/46, annex))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 58/164, para. 30)

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 58/164, para. 30)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture (resolution 58/164, para. 32)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 58/166, para. 11)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 57/210, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (resolution 58/176, para. 4)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (resolution 57/214, para. 22)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (resolution 57/215, para. 25)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law and the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights (resolution 57/221, para. 13)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (resolution 58/168, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (resolution 58/171, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (resolution 58/172, para. 29)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (resolution 58/193, para. 12)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (resolution 58/173, para. 16)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on an in-depth study on all forms of violence against women (resolution 58/185, subpara. (*e*))

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (resolution 58/187, para. 12)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on a study for consideration by States in strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (resolution 58/187, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (resolution 58/190, para. 27)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants (resolution 58/190, para. 27)

Report of the Secretary-General on support for the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (resolution 58/246, para. 13)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (resolution 58/246, para. 13)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food (resolution 58/186, para. 18)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Missing persons (resolution 57/207, para. 10)

Human rights and extreme poverty (resolution 57/211, para. 11)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (resolution 57/213, para. 15)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (resolution 57/227, para. 5)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (resolution 58/170, para. 10)

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (resolution 58/178, para. 15)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character (resolution 58/188, para. 6)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (resolution 58/247, para. 7 (*b*))

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (resolution 58/196, para. 10)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (resolution 58/195, para. 5)

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

2005[106]

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

[106] The programme of work and documentation for 2005 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2004.

ITEM 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

ITEM 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of cooperatives in poverty eradication (resolution 58/131, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (resolution 58/132, para. 15)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General, including an evaluation of the implementation since 1995 of the priority areas of youth identified in the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (resolution 58/133, para. 18)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization providing a global analysis and evaluation of national action plans on youth employment (resolution 58/133, para. 20)

ITEM 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

ITEM 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

ITEM 6. *International drug control*

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ITEM 7. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

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Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[105]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 58/145, para. 24)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (resolution 58/143, para. 18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (resolution 58/146, para. 9)

ITEM 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

ITEM 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (resolution 58/150, para. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Programme of Action adopted by the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (resolution 58/154, para. 13)

ITEM 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

ITEM 11. *Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995–2004*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 55/80, para. 4 (*c*), and resolution 56/140, para. 4 (*c*)) and on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

ITEM 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

(a) *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex))

(b) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

ITEM 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

ITEM 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

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Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (resolution 58/165, para. 31)

Report of the Committee against Torture (article 24 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 39/46, annex))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 58/166, para. 11)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (resolution 58/167, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (resolution 58/169, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (resolution 58/174, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 58/175, para. 22)

Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (resolution 58/177, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (resolution 58/180, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (resolution 58/182, para. 17)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 58/183, para. 18)

Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all (resolution 58/192, para. 6)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

58/543. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[100] took note of chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C and I) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[107]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

58/555. Delegation of formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Population Fund

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[108] and having considered the note by the Secretariat on the question,[109] decided that formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Population Fund should be delegated by the Secretary-General to the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

[107] A/58/3 (Parts I and II) and (Part II)/Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

[108] A/58/588, para. 8.

[109] A/C.5/58/2 and Corr.1.

58/556. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[108] took note of chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[110]

58/557. Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[111]

(*a*) Expressed its appreciation to the Government of Italy for offering five additional buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

(*b*) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposal for the acceptance of five additional buildings pledged by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base[112] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[113]

(*c*) Approved the transfer of five additional buildings pledged by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base;

(*d*) Decided to keep under review during its fifty-eighth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

58/558. Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[111] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.[114]

58/559. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[115]

(*a*) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004[116] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[117]

(*b*) Decided to keep under review, during its fifty-eighth session, the sub-item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

58/560. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[118] and having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system[119] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[120] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[121] requested the Joint Inspection Unit to provide further clarification of its recommendations 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9 and decided to continue its consideration of this matter at the first part of its resumed fifty-eighth session.

58/561. Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[118] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa[122] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[123]

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[110] A/58/3 (Parts I and II) and (Part II)/Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[111] A/58/582, para. 13.

[112] A/58/596.

[113] A/58/609.

[114] A/58/559.

[115] A/58/585, para. 6.

[116] A/58/386.

[117] A/58/441.

[118] A/58/572, para. 20.

[119] See A/57/442.

[120] A/57/442/Add.1.

[121] A/57/434, paras. 5 and 6.

[122] A/58/154.

[123] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1), para. XI.3.

58/562. Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[118] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up,[124] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[125]

58/563. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2004–2005

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[126] and in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2004–2005 annexed to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2004–2005

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9. Human resources management
10. Joint Inspection Unit
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12. United Nations pension system
13. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
14. Administration of justice at the United Nations
15. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
16. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
17. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
18. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
19. Report of the Economic and Social Council
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B. Programme of work for 2005

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005
4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007
5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
6. Joint Inspection Unit
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[124] A/58/217.

[125] A/58/7/Add.1 and Corr.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[126] A/58/571/Add.1, para. 5.

13. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

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16. Report of the Economic and Social Council

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58/564. Questions deferred for future consideration

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[126] decided to defer until its resumed fifty-eighth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

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7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

58/522. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 9 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[139] decided to take note of the consideration of the item entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order", and noted that this question could be considered in the future.

[127] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/58/34).

[128] A/58/64.

[129] A/58/291.

[130] A/58/220.

[131] A/58/343.

[132] A/58/343/Add.1.

[133] A/58/364.

[134] A/58/294.

[135] A/57/747 and Corr.1.

[136] A/55/697.

[137] A/55/874.

[138] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7).

[139] A/58/510, para. 6.

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